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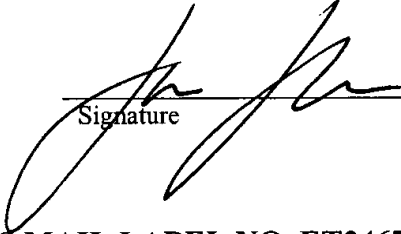
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, Applicants submit herewith a translation  
of the application as filed. Also submitted is a translation of the Preliminary Examination  
Report.

Please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the attached Substitute Specification and Abstract for the translation of this application. The Substitute Specification conforms to U.S. Practice and places the application in better English. The Substitute Specification also make reference to the amended drawings.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

With the consent of the Primary Examiner it is requested that Fig. 3 of the application be amended as illustrated in red on the attached copy thereof and that Figure 4 be added to the application. These changes are made to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a). No new matter is added.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 1 to 14.

Add claims 15 to 28 as follows:

15. A lute comprising a neck, a bulging sound box tapering down to a virtual point and attached to said neck at said virtual point, a peg box at an end of said neck remote from said sound box, and strings stretched between said peg box and an end piece, said sound box including a vaulted back having a planar rim that is curved outwardly from one side of said neck in a continuous curve to the other side of said neck and a face having a longitudinal centerline and connected to said rim of said back, said face including transverse ribs on an inside surface and said end piece mounted on an outside surface in a longitudinal portion thereof corresponding to the longitudinal third of said face remote from said neck, said face having at least one aperture